

Ordinance No. 559-2026

By Council Members Davis, Bishop and Griffin (by departmental request)

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE

To amend Section 453.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, relating to parking regulations in parking meter zones for a pilot program for portions of Hingetown neighborhood in Ohio City.

WHEREAS, the Hingetown neighborhood in Ohio City contains a dense mix of commercial and residential uses where a portion of its residents lack off-street parking options at their residences, and lack available affordable private parking lots and garages within a close proximity to their residences; and

WHEREAS, the City intends to activate parking meter zones and parking stations in Hingetown; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to provide qualifying Hingetown residents with an opportunity to have access to on-street parking by implementing a pilot program to exempt them from parking fees in parking meter zones by the issuance of a digital license plate based residential parking zone permit by the City's Department of Public Works or its vendor; and

WHEREAS, during the pilot program that will run through December 31, 2026, the City will determine its effectiveness and, if determined to be effective, will seek citywide implementation for similarly situated areas; and

WHEREAS, this ordinance constitutes an emergency measure providing for the usual daily operation of a municipal department; now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

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Section 1. That Section 453.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, is amended to read as follows:

Section 453.01 Parking Regulations in Parking Meter Zones

(a) No person shall park a vehicle in an individual street parking space within a parking meter zone unless the curb side wheels of such a vehicle are parallel with and not more than twelve (12) inches from the curb. Whenever a vehicle is parked in a street parking meter zone, the person parking such vehicle shall remit the required parking fee.

(b) The Director of Public Works is authorized to charge and cause to be collected the payment required in parking meter zones such charges and fees ranging from one dollar (\$1.00) per hour to eight dollars (\$8.00) per hour in the Downtown Parking Area and one dollar (\$1.00) per hour to five dollars (\$5.00) per hour outside of the Downtown Parking Area and is further authorized to establish regulations that set forth the days of the week, hours of the day, and intervals of time for which parking is permissible.

(c) Notice to the public shall be given by appropriate signs, setting forth the length of time for which parking is permitted and the conditions thereof. These may be upon the parking meter stand or in the immediate vicinity. Any vehicle which remains in a metered parking zone after the prescribed time for parking is hereby determined to be illegally parked. At each place where street metered parking zones are so established as provided in Section 403.06, each vehicle shall be parked entirely within a metered parking zone. The provisions of this section shall not apply to vehicles parking upon the street of the City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. until 7:00 a.m. the following morning and upon Sundays outside of the Downtown Parking Area, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving Day ("Black Friday"), Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas Day, unless a different rule or regulation is otherwise set forth in this Traffic Code. The Director of Public Works, in the Director's discretion, may exempt provisions of this section on an as-needed basis.

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(d) Residential Parking Zone Program.

(1) Requirements. The parking fees established under this section shall not apply to a person who meets each of the following requirements:

A. The person is a legal resident of a single-family home, multi-family dwelling unit, apartment, boarding house, or condominium for living or sleeping purposes for at least thirty (30) consecutive days.

B. The person's legal residence does not have on-site parking, including but not limited to a driveway, parking lot, or parking garage.

C. The person's legal residence is located within a designated residential parking zone described in division (3) below.

D. The person has a motor vehicle registered in his or her name or has a motor vehicle for his or her exclusive use and under his or her control.

E. The person has been issued a valid digital license plate residential parking zone permit issued by the City, or its vendor.

(2) Proof of Requirements. Proof of residency, and proof of motor vehicle ownership or motor vehicle use and control, shall be demonstrated in a manner determined by the Director of Public Works.

(3) Designated Residential Parking Zones.

A. Hingetown Residential Parking Zone which is the following: Detroit Avenue between West 26th Street and West 32nd Street; Church Avenue between West 28th Street and West 32nd Street; and West 29th Street between Detroit Avenue and Church Avenue

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(4) *Limitation on Number of Permits.* No more than one (1) residential parking zone permit shall be issued to any person.

(5) *Application for Permit.* Each application or re-application for a residential parking zone permit shall contain information sufficient to identify the applicant, his or her residence address or address of real property owned or leased within a designated residential parking zone, the license number of the motor vehicle for which application is made, and such other information that may be deemed relevant by the Director of Public Works.

(6) *Duration for Permit.* Each parking residential zone permit issued by the Director of Public Works shall be valid for no longer than one year. Permits may be renewed upon re-application in the manner required by the Director.

(7) *Permit Fees.* No permit fee shall apply to initial applications received as part of the 2026 pilot of the Hingetown Residential Parking Meter Zone, ending December 31, 2026.

(8) *Prohibition.* It shall be unlawful for a person to falsely represent himself or herself as eligible for a residential parking zone permit or to furnish false information in an application therefor.

(9) *Revocation of Permit.* The Director of Public Works, or their designee, is authorized to revoke, or cause to be revoked, the residential parking zone permit of any person found to be in violation of this section.

(10) *No Representation.* A parking meter exemption permit shall not guarantee or reserve the holder thereof of an on-street parking space within a designated residential parking zone.

(11) *Rules and Regulations.* The Director of Public Works, consistent with the provisions of this division (d), may establish rules and regulations as the Director deems necessary for parking meter exemption permits. Such rules and regulations shall become effective seven (7) days after publication in the *City Record*. The issuance of permits and all permittees shall be subject to rules and regulations established by the Director.

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(12) Definitions. For the purposes of this division (d),

A. “Legal resident” means a person who either owns or leases real estate as set forth in subsections D and B, respectively, below.

B. “Lease” means that a person pays rent or other remuneration for use of a parcel of real property as his or her residence.

C. “Motor vehicle means an automobile, truck, motorcycle or other motor-driven form of transportation used for personal and not commercial purposes and is not in excess of six thousand five hundred (6,500) pounds in gross weight.

D. “Owns” means that a person has at least one-quarter (1/4) interest in a parcel of real property within a designated exempt parking meter zone.

E. “Person” means a natural person.

Section 2. That existing Section 453.01 of the Codified Ordinances of Cleveland, Ohio, 1976, as amended by Ordinance No. 817-2023, passed September 18, 2023, is repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance is declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

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FOR: Director Laird and Council Member Davis

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